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Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 10/23/2001

To: Riyadh

Attn: ALAT Sana's, Yemen

From: New York

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Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:jmf

Case ID #: 265A-NY-280350 (Pending)

Title: PENTTBOM

Synopsis: New York requests agents in Sana's Yemen contact and interview [redacted] regarding their knowledge and association with [redacted] [redacted] is suspected of conspiring to aid the attackers of the PENTTBOM case. New York also requests Sana's to determine the exact date [redacted] was rejected for a U.S. visa.

Enclosures: Enclosed for SANAA is one (1) copy of West Covina, California FD-302 and background information of [redacted]

Details: New York spoke to a source who revealed that [redacted] [redacted] applied for a visa together in Sana's, Yemen. Investigation has revealed that [redacted] applied for a visa to the United States on or about August 12, 1995.

[redacted] whom the German government has an arrest warrant for, and with MOHAMED ATTA, a hijacker aboard American Airlines Flight 11. There is evidence linking [redacted] to hijacker ZIAD SAMIR JARRAH and others. ZIAD JARRAH attempted several times to [redacted] admitted to flight training in the United States.

Source stated that the [redacted] [redacted] wrote a letter of recommendation for [redacted] to assist in [redacted] efforts to secure a visa to the United States. [redacted] worked for the Central Bank of Yemen at that time. Source believed that [redacted] became acquainted [redacted] worked as an intern at the International Bank of Yemen. [redacted] worked at the International Bank of Yemen until approximately August 1995.

[redacted] was granted a visa and went to school in the United States, [redacted] [redacted] was not granted a visa to the United States. [redacted]

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Germany and [REDACTED] however,  
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Following a lead independent of New York, FBI agents from the West Covina RA in California interviewed an individual named [REDACTED] hijackers KHALID AL-MIDHAR and NAWAF ALHAZMI through college and address information. [REDACTED] in California. [REDACTED]

FBI agents from the West Covina RA also interviewed [REDACTED] on or about Friday September 28, 2001. (See enclosed FD-302) [REDACTED] was not asked about and did not mention any association [REDACTED] did advise agents that he planned on leaving the United States as soon as possible.

New York contacted the West Covina RA on Sunday September 30, 2001. Agents in West Covina have attempted repeatedly to locate and re-interview [REDACTED] with negative results. It is believed that [REDACTED] returned to Sana's, Yemen.

New York requests agents in Sana's, Yemen to review the visa application(s) [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED] of August 12, 1995 with special emphasis on locating the letter provided [REDACTED] [REDACTED] may have made several other applications using a different passport number and/or name variation. [REDACTED] also used the [REDACTED]

New York requests agents locate and interview [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (A Central Bank of Yemen employee as of August 1995) and question them as to their knowledge [REDACTED] knowledge and association with any of the alleged hijackers, especially KHALID AL-MIDHAR and NAWAF AL-HAZMI.

Lastly, New York requests Sana's determine the date [REDACTED] was rejected for a U.S. visa. The U.S. Attorney, SDNY, has requested this information for use in an affidavit for a warrant [REDACTED]